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SUBJECT: LOST PASSPORTS CASE: JOHN J. AND SUSAN G. VIDERGAR

REFS: A) STATE 247698 B) SOFIA 2089

1. EMBASSY HAS ISSUED NEW PASSPORTS TO JOHN J. AND SUSAN G. VIDERGAR TO REPLACE THOSE STOLEN ON OCTOBER 1, 1976. VIDERGARS ARE STILL IN SOFIA BECUASE THEIR BANK IN THE US HAS NOT YET REMITTED FUNDS REQUESTED IN INTERESTED PARTY CABLE. REQUEST DEPT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FUNDS FROM EITHER THE BANK OR FROM A RELATIVE.

2. OCTOBER 1. THE VIDERGARS WERE ROBBED OF THEIR PASSPORTS, TRAVELLERS CHECKS BANK DRAFT, AND PROBABLY LUGGAGE WHILE TRAVELLING THROUGH BULGARIA ON THE ISTANBUL EXPRESS. THEY WERE RETURNED TO SOFIA BY BULGARIAN RAILWAY AUTHORITIEIS AND PROMPTLY REPORTED THEIR LOSSES TO THE EMBASSY. THE CONGEN, ISTANBULAND EMBASSY, SOFIA HAVE CHECKED WITH THE RESPECTIVE RAILWAY OFFICIALS AND POLICE AUTHORITIES AND THE LOST ITEMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECOVERED.

3. AN INTERESTED PARTY CABLE TO THE COUPLE'S BANK, FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, HAS NOT RESULTED IN THE REMITTANCE OF FUNDS TO THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK IN SOFIA, AS OF THIS DATE. REQUEST THE BANK BE CONTACTED ABOUT THE REMITTANCE OF \$500 OR WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE IN THE JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR JOHN J. AND SUSAN G. VIDERGAR. SAME CABLE ALSO
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REQUESTED THE BANK TO STOP PAYMENT ON NEW YORK BANK

DRAFT ISSUED BY FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK AND THE FUNDS
\$1,400) TO BE REMITTED TO THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED
BANK IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY.

4. THE VIDERGARS HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO REPORT THE LOSS
OF \$140 OF AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS CHECKS TO THE
BULGARIAN BANK, BUT THE BANK REFUSES TO ACCEPT ANY CLAIM
WITHOUT THE CHECK NUMBERS, WHICH WERE ALSO LOST WITH
THEIR PERSONAL DOCUMENTS. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE REQUEST
FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK TO REPORT LOSS TO AMERICAN EXPRESS
OF LAST SEVEN TWENTY DOLLAR TRAVELLERS CHECKS COVERING
TOTAL OF \$140. IF PROBLEMS ON THIS APPROACH WITH BANK,
VIDERGARS REQUEST BANK TO FORWARD NUMBERS FOR SUBJECT
CHECKS BY INTERESTED PARTY CABLE (COLLECT) TO EMBASSY
SO CLAIM CAN BE MADE IN SOFIA.

5. VIDERGARS WANT TO SEND INTERESTED PARTY CABLE TO
RELATIVE, HER FATHER, TO FORWARD \$500 LOAN TO THEM
IN CARE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS IN ISTANBUL. HOWEVER,
IF DEPT HAS PROBLEM WITH MARYLAND BANK ABOUT REMITTANCES
TO SOFIA, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPT CONTACT DR. FREDERICK
J. GALLES, ROUTE 3, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN. TELEPHONE
NUMBER 414-922-1199. EXPLAIN VIDERGAR PREDICAMENT AND
REQUEST HE FORWARD LOAN OF \$500 FOR THEM AT BULGARIAN
FOREIGN TRADE BANK IN SOFIA.

6. VIDERGARS IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS, ONLY IMPEDIMENT
TO THEIR CONTINUATION OF JOURNEY TO TURKEY WHERE
JOHN WILL CONDUCT RESEARCH PROJECT UNDER GRANT
FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN IS THE MONEY FROM THEIR BANK.
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